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FOLLOWING IS ESSENTIALLY REPEAT OF KADUNA 0306 (NOT SENT
SECSTATE) OF MARCH 23 PLUS EMBASSY COMMENTS:

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, NI, PINS

SUBJECT: SPECULATION ON REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY GOVERNORS

1. SENIOR CIVILIAN INSTRUCTOR AT NIGERIAN DEFENSE ACADEMY TOLD
KADUNA PRINCIPAL OFFICER MARCH 22 THAT HE EXPECTED MILITARY
GOVERNORS TO BE RELACED SOON. SAID THIS WOULD BE FOLLOW
-ON MOVE TO RECENT RETIREMENT OF SEVERAL MILITARY COMMISSION-
ERS DESIGNED ASSURE COUNTRY THAT MOMENTUM OF PACE OF RETURN TO
CIVILIAN RULE BEING MAINTAINED.

2. WHEN PO ASKED WHAT WAS ATTITUDE OF MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICERS
WHO HAD NOT YET HAD TURN AT WALKING "CORRIDORS OF POWER",
SOURCE SADI THAT
"MAJORS ARE CONSIDERED ITCH". SAID THAT
ARMY LEADERSHIP, RECOGNIZING POTENTIAL PROBLEM HAD ORGANIZED
SEMINAR, NOWUNDERWAY IN PORT HARCOURT, FOR ALL REPT ALL ARMY
MAJORS. ORDER FOR SEMINARS ISSUED BY DANJUMA; SESSION WHICH
BEING CONDUCTED BY LT. COLONELS AND COLONELS APPARENTLY FOCUSING
ON CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND LIKE THEMES.

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3. SOURCE SAID THAT DANJUMA WAS VERY ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF
UNREST IN MILITARY AND ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HAD
POPPED UP IN POTENTIAL TROUBLE SPOTS AND PUT OUT THE WORD
THAT ANYONE STARTING TROUBLE WOULD FAIL AND WAS
DOOMED.

4. COMMENT: RUMORS THAT GOVERNORS WILL SOON BE REPLACED ARE ALSO CURRENT IN LAGOS. IBADAN CONSULATE HAS PICKED UP STORIES OF IMPENDING RESHUFFLE OF OYO STATE PERMSECS. THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT APRIL 1 UNVEILING OF BUDGET WILL BE OCCASION FOR THESE AND PERHAPS OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES. WITH REGARD TO "ITCHY MAJORS" NIGHT ROADBLOCKS ON MAIN HIGHWAYS WEEK AFTER WEEK SUGGEST CONTINUING ALERT BY FMG SECURITY APPARATUS. CROSBY

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